AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A method of making an indazole comprising:

a) ~~nitrosation of an aromatic aldehyde to form a nitroso aromatic aldehyde; and~~ nitrosating a 2-aminobenzaldehyde to form a 2-nitrosaminobenzaldehyde,

b) reacting ~~said~~ the ~~nitroso aromatic aldehyde~~ 2-nitrosaminobenzaldehyde with at least one reducing agent to form an indazole; and

c) reacting ~~said~~ the indazole with a sulfonyl halide or sulfonic anhydride to form a corresponding sulfonic ester.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein the amine group of the 2-aminobenzaldehyde in step a) is substituted with a hydroxyalkyl group and wherein the indazole formed in step b) is a 1-(hydroxyalkyl)indazole, the method further comprising converting the 1-(hydroxyalkyl) indazole into an 1-(aminoalkyl)indazole by the steps of:

d) reacting ~~said~~ the corresponding sulfonic ester with ~~said~~ a metal azide to yield ~~an azido indazole~~ a 1-(azidoalkyl)indazole; and

e) reacting ~~said azido indazole~~ the 1-(azidoalkyl)indazole with a hydrogen source and a catalyst to yield ~~amino alkyl indazole~~ 1-(aminoalkyl)indazole.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the amine group of the 2-aminobenzaldehyde in step a) is substituted with a hydroxyalkyl group and wherein the indazole formed in step b) is a ~~hydroxy alkyl indazole~~ 1-(hydroxyalkyl)indazole.

Claims 4 - 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein said reducing agent is a metal.

Claim 9 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein said reducing agent is zinc.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): The method of claim ~~1~~ 2, wherein said catalyst is in the presence of at least one organic solvent.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): The method of claim 10, wherein said organic solvent comprises ~~acetic acid~~ ethanol.

Claims 12 - 15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Currently amended): A method of making an indazole comprising:

a) nitrosating a 2-(hydroxyalkyl)aminobenzaldehyde to form a 2-(hydroxyalkyl)nitrosaminobenzaldehyde; and

b) reacting said 2-(hydroxyalkyl)nitrosaminobenzaldehyde with at least one reducing agent to form ~~an indazole~~ a 1-(hydroxyalkyl)indazole.

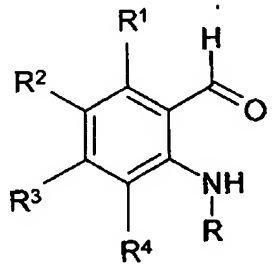
Claim 17 (Currently amended): The method of claim 16 further comprising:

c.) reacting ~~said indazole~~ the 1-(hydroxyalkyl)indazole with a sulfonyl halide or sulfonic anhydride to form a corresponding sulfonic ester;

d.) reacting ~~said~~ the corresponding sulfonic ester with a metal azide to yield a 1-(azidoalkyl)indazole; and

e.) reacting ~~said~~ the 1-(azidoalkyl)indazole with a hydrogen source and a catalyst to yield a 1-(aminoalkyl)indazole.

Claim 18 (Original): The method of claim 16, wherein said 2-(hydroxyalkyl)aminobenzaldehyde has the formula



wherein

R is a C_2 to C_{12} alkyl group substituted with at least one OH group and optionally substituted with phenyl, methoxyphenyl, (dimethylamino)phenyl, OR^5, $OC(=O)R^5$, $OC(=O)OR^5$, $N(R^5)_2$, $N(R^5)C(=O)R^5$, $N(R^5)C(=O)OR^5$, or with one or more F atoms; R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 are independently H, F, Cl, Br, CF_3, OH, OR^5, $OC(=O)R^5$, $OC(=O)OR^5$, $N(R^5)_2$, $N(R^5)C(=O)R^5$, $N(R^5)C(=O)OR^5$, NO_2, CN, N_3, SH, $S(O)_nR^5$, $C(=O)R^5$, COOH, $COOR^5$, $CON(R^5)_2$, C_1 to C_6 alkyl optionally substituted with phenyl, methoxyphenyl, (dimethylamino)phenyl, $C(=O)R^5$, COOH, $COOR^5$, $CON(R^5)_2$, CN, OR^5, $OC(=O)R^5$, $OC(=O)OR^5$, $N(R^5)_2$, $N(R^5)C(=O)R^5$, or $N(R^5)C(=O)OR^5$; or R^1 and R^2 as herein defined taken together form a ring, or R^2 and R^3 as herein defined taken together form a ring, or R^3 and R^4 as herein defined taken together form a ring; R^5 is C_1 to C_6 alkyl optionally substituted with phenyl, methoxyphenyl, (dimethylamino)phenyl, methoxy, ethoxy, benzyloxy, or with one or more F atoms, or R^5 is phenyl, methoxyphenyl, or (dimethylamino)phenyl; and n = 0, 1, or 2.

Claim 19 (Canceled).

Claim 20 (Original): The method of claim 16, wherein said reducing agent is zinc.

Claim 21 (Original): The method of claim 16, wherein said 2-

(hydroxyalkyl)benzaldehyde is enantiomerically enriched.

Claim 22 (Original): The method of claim 17, wherein said catalyst is palladium on charcoal.

Claim 23 (Original): The method of claim 17, wherein said hydrogen source is ammonium formate.

Claim 24 (Original): The method of claim 17, wherein said 1-(aminoalkyl)indazole is enantiomerically enriched.

Claim 25 (Original): The method of claim 18, wherein R is 2-hydroxypropyl.

Claim 26 (Original): The method of claim 18, wherein R is (*R*)-2-hydroxypropyl.

Claim 27 (Original): The method of claim 18, wherein R is (*S*)-2-hydroxypropyl.

Claim 28 (Original): The method of claim 18, wherein R^1, R^2 and R^4 are H, and R^3 is benzyloxy.

Claim 29 (Original): The method of claim 18, wherein R is 2-hydroxypropyl, R^1, R^2 and R^4 are H, and R^3 is benzyloxy.

Claim 30 (Original): The method of claim 18, wherein R is (*R*)-2-hydroxypropyl, R^1, R^2 and R^4 are H, and R^3 is benzyloxy.

Claim 31 (Original): The method of claim 18, wherein R is (*S*)-2-hydroxypropyl, R^1, R^2 and R^4 are H, and R^3 is benzyloxy.